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Hello,

I have been following the Microsoft Antitrust case since its beginning, when I was still using and recommending Microsoft products when I had a choice. It wasn't until I read about the many ways Microsoft was abusing its power that I decided that something needed to change, and that change could start with me, and it has, but very few Americans understand the concept of an operating system, so they have chosen to let Microsoft choose for them. I understand that the proposed settlement to fund schools with technology (including software) does not require all Microsoft software be provided on these systems, but certainly many would, extending Microsoft's monopoly. There are a great number of alternatives for software, including Red Hat, which has made a generous offer to the proposed settlement. Aside from this, however, Microsoft is turning the focus away from their business practices, which continue to this very day as seen in Windows XP, to the poorer schools of our nation. Money will not be a problem for Microsoft for a long time, and therefore not an adequate solution. I hope the DOJ does not let Microsoft choose from them, or turn their attention away from that which matters.

Thank you for your time,
-Scott Bigelow